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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the action dated August 26, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1, 4-6, and 14-23.

A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to extend the time to respond to the final rejection for two months to and including January 26, 2008, is enclosed.

The appeal fee in the amount of \$540 is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other required charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 14875-0142US1.

Respectfully submitted,

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